

January 2009



# Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

## Unlimited Council

The next Unlimited Council meeting will be January 13 at 6:30 PM in the Valley Bank meeting room in Belgrade. Changes to the Bylaws will be discussed. All are welcome to attend!

## 4-H Foundation Meeting

The next Gallatin County 4-H Foundation meeting will be on January 22 at 6:30 PM at MacKenzie River Pizza meeting room in Belgrade.

## Bar J Wranglers in Concert - Don't Miss Out

**As this fundraiser will benefit all of the members of Gallatin County 4-H, please plan to attend and support this great event. We hope to see a lot of our 4-H families there.** Gallatin County 4-H will be hosting the BarJ Wranglers on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the Willson Auditorium in Bozeman. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the show will start at 7:00 pm. The general admission tickets will be available at Lee & Dads IGA in Belgrade and Sky Federal Credit Union in Bozeman. The tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Reserve tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Reserve tickets will be available at the 4-H Office or from Ginny & Scott Francis at 284-6843.

## 4-40-400 CHALLENGE

The Montana 4-H Foundation is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2009. Their purpose is to help support statewide 4-H Programs and projects. They disperse about \$100,000 a year in support of statewide efforts. They are issuing a challenge to members, clubs and counties. The challenge is for every member to donate \$4, every club to donate \$40 and every county to donate \$400. Be creative in your thinking. The money doesn't need to come from your budget. Be creative with ways to raise these additional dollars. Contact us for more information.

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## Meet Our Senior Ambassador

Sammie Cheney is the senior ambassador for Gallatin County. This is her 8th year in 4-H. Her projects are photography, teen leadership and cooking. She likes to help out in her club by shopping for families in need at Christmas and coming up with community service projects, like cleaning up the Pine Butte Schoolhouse. When she isn't doing 4-H, Sammie is participating in her school's plays and spending time with her friends and family. She is always willing to help out any person who needs it and is always open to suggestions.



## Livestock Marketing Workshop Requirements

The Livestock Sale committee is asking that every livestock project member attend a marketing workshop prior to attending Fair. Why a special workshop? The committee feels it is very important that every member gains the experience of marketing their animal and bringing a buyer to the sale. The workshop will include everything from finding a buyer to recognizing a buyer after the sale. This year the workshop will be mandatory for everyone, then required every other year, similar to Animal Quality Assurance.

For those of you that have participated in at least two sales, the committee would like you to help at the workshop or bring in a sample/ packet of what you have done in the past to market your animal(s) for the sale to the Extension Office for review by the sale committee. Workshop dates will be set for February or March. Marketing samples/ packets will need to be turned in to the office by the last workshop date.

## AQA Workshop

The first Animal Quality Assurance workshop will be held **February 3, 2009 at 6:30 PM** at the Belgrade Middle School cafeteria. AQA is required for all youth that have a large animal project (Beef, Sheep, and Swine) go through the livestock sale at Fair. If this is your first year or if you did not attend last year, it is mandatory that you attend a workshop. In case you can not make this one, we will be offering a couple AQA workshops this year. If you attended last year, you do not need to come again until next year. The purpose is to learn about handling, nutrition, ethics and safety practices in order to provide a safe, wholesome product for the market. Parents are encouraged to attend.

## 4-H & FFA KMON Judging Contest:

Livestock, Meats, Crops, Career Development, Beef Ambassador Contests  
January 16-17, 2009 at the Fairgrounds in Great Falls

Meats Contest: This will be the State contest for FFA & 4-H. 4-H team members must be 14 by October 1, 2007 to qualify as the state team and trip to Western Regional Roundup. Awards are trophies, plaques and \$100 to the top individual. Contact our office at 388-3213 for registration information. Registration due January 8th.

Friday Night Fun 4-H and FFA Dance January 16th, 2009, 9:00 pm-12:00 am at the Black Eagle Community Center, 2332 Smelter Ave, Admission \$4.00 per person. Sponsored by: KMON and Conrad FFA Alumni.

## 2008 MONTANAFair JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 2009 MontanaFair will be held in Billings in August. Any 4-H member wanting to enter a livestock animal must have that animal ear tagged in Billings on the following dates.

Beef Tagging – February 7, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the PAYS arena  
Animal Quality Assurance Training – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sheep/Swine Tagging – June 6, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at PAYS arena  
Animal Quality Assurance Training – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can not be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed. If the weather causes a problem for you to get to Billings on the tagging date, please contact Roni Baker at the Yellowstone County Extension Office (256-2828). For further details, call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213.



## Important Tax Information!!

**All** 4-H groups with EIN's must file either the **990 long form** or **E-Postcard** for the 2008 tax year. The filing date in Montana for filing E-Postcards is February 15, 2009. You need to file whether you have received notification to or not. A possibility exists that you may receive a rejection notice after filing, please keep a copy for your records and turn one into the office. The only exception would be clubs/groups that formed in 2008 and have yet to complete a full tax year. They wouldn't file in February if they've only existed a couple of months (i.e.– Lightening Minds 4-H Club).

Go to: <http://epostcard.form990.org> From that site, if you go to "Technical Support" and then "Quick Start", it will take you to simple-to-follow instructions.

Each club will find a sheet in their box at the office with a full explanation of why you need to file. As always, if you have questions, please call the office 388-3213.

## Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

Teens 14 years old and older are invited to attend a statewide citizenship event in Helena on March 1-3, 2009. The Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar will showcase state government in action. Each delegate is expected to sponsor a potential "bill" suitable for the "4-H legislature" to act upon. Registration forms are due on February 1st. Contact the 4-H office for complete details and ask about scholarship applications. Applications are due January 12.

## Citizenship Washington Focus - June 7-13, 2009

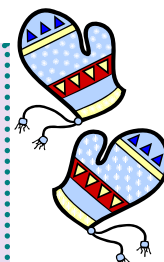
Teens 15 years old are invited to participate in an event that past delegates have found to be the highlight of their 4-H experience. Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program in Washington D.C. where delegates get a chance to look behind the scenes in our nation's capitol, meet senators and representatives, listen to motivational speakers, attend workshops to learn the governmental process, and increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. Some financial assistance is available. Deadline to apply is February 1st. Contact the 4-H office for complete details.

## Girls for a Change

Mark your calendars for the 2009 day-long conference in Bozeman, Saturday, February 28. This year's theme is The Courage to Climb and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Luanne Freer, will inspire girls as she talks about the volunteer medical clinic she set up at the base of Mt. Everest. Workshops will focus on giving back to your world (service), protecting your world (environment), understanding your world (culture), caring for yourself in your world (self care) and expression in your world (art, crafts). Contact the Extension Office for more details.

## Montana Winter Fair - Lewistown

The Winter Fair will be held on January 22-25 at the Fergus County Fairgrounds in Lewistown. Montana Winter Fair is a state winter fair consisting of a livestock show, bull expo, youth livestock events, fiddlers contest, art swap and shop, youth educational events, commercial exhibits, farm forum, death by chocolate competition, photography, quilts, farm equipment displays, stock dog trials and clinic, cowboy church, and lots of great Central Montana scenery. 4-H members can enter the Heifer Pen Show, All Breeds Heifer Show, Livestock Judging, Beef Showmanship, Photography, Quilting and Knitting projects, and Food related entries. For more information go to [www.montanawinterfair.com](http://www.montanawinterfair.com).



## Beef

Reminder about the **WEIGH-IN** on January 10th from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Beef Producer scales north of Belgrade. The weigh-in is **MANDATORY** for your animal. If you can not attend make sure that your animal is there or they will not be eligible for County Fair. Remember to bring your brand papers so the inspector can check them as well. The weigh-in also counts as a workshop if you are there in **PERSON**. We will be going over the requirements for fair at that time. If it is BLIZZARDING on Jan 10th we will try for the 11th and go from there. Call Amber Bates at 282-7090 with any questions that you may have.



## Clothing & Textiles Sewing Project

The January project meetings will be January 14 and 28 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm in the basement of Valley Bank (Main Branch) in Belgrade, 98 N Broadway. *There's still plenty of time to join in and start working on your project!* Members are able to choose a project of their choice—appropriate to the skill level. Quick, rewarding beginner projects could include shorts, pajama pants or a skirt with an elastic waistband using a medium-weight cotton or cotton/polyester woven, non-stretch fabric (flannel is an excellent option). Other skill level members should pick a project with a higher level of challenge than previous projects required. **For other ideas, help selecting a project and fabric or any questions, please call Janell Barber, 539-1301.** Please be sure to bring the following in order to begin and continue working on your project. You will need: sewing machine and necessary accessories; extension cord; project pattern including instructions and pattern pieces; appropriate fabric yardage; notions (interfacing, elastic, buttons, etc) as listed on the back of the pattern envelope; sewing tools including: straight pins, tape measure, hem gauge, marking tool, fabric scissors, paper scissors, seam ripper, extra sewing machine needles, project book, pencil or pen.

## Cloverbuds

The next scheduled meeting for the 4-Leaf Clovers Cloverbud Club will be Thursday, January 8 at 6:00pm in the Green Midway Building at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. This club will meet the second Thursday of each month, at 6:00pm, in the Midway Building, unless another location is announced.



## Crochet, Knitting, & Embroidery

The Crochet, Knitting, & Embroidery Projects will meet in the basement of Valley Bank of Belgrade on Saturday, January 10, 2009, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will be starting your Fair project. Please be sure to bring your supplies with you to each meeting. Parents are encouraged to attend and learn along with their child(ren) to help facilitate learning in between meetings. As a reminder so that you can plan ahead, monthly meetings are on the second Saturday of each month in the basement of Valley Bank of Belgrade from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm unless otherwise notified. If the weather is bad (like in December) we will not have a meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley at [cksrabbitry@q.com](mailto:cksrabbitry@q.com) or 599-1454.

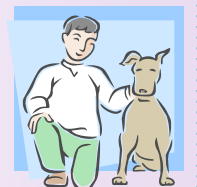
## Dog Agility

This year we are fortunate to have two sets of instructors for our Dog Agility Project. One group will be led by Jeannie Biggers with Sami Jones. They will begin April 7, 2009. They will begin by holding classes at the fairgrounds in the Livestock #2 barn and as weather permits will move class to Cameron Bridge Road in Belgrade. We will begin class at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeannie at [jbiggers@rmtcinc.com](mailto:jbiggers@rmtcinc.com) or Sami at [lode-star@mcn.net](mailto:lode-star@mcn.net). As we get closer to April we will put out another notice with further details. Hope to see you then! Get those dogs in shape and teach them some tricks to show off to us and the rest of class.

## Dog Care & Obedience

Next meeting will be held on January 15 at 6:00 at Double Diamond Vet.

3rd year and above members, need to contact Cara at 580-4349 regarding doing your presentation.



## Goat

The project plans on having a breeding workshop just as soon as we can time the heat cycle of one of the does. Please contact Dan Holland at 388-0878 for workshop (and other exciting goat related) information.



## Horse Committee

The Horse Committee will hold their January meeting at Valley Bank in Belgrade on January 12 starting at 6:30. If you are interested in helping the committee please make plans to attend.

## Photography

There will be a photography meeting Sunday, January 11 at 2:00pm, at the Lindley Center, located at the east end of Bozeman, just past Lindley Park at 1102 E. Curtiss. We will be taking outside action pictures, so bring your camera, digital or film, and lots of warm clothing. I will provide some hot cocoa!! Questions - Call Kathy at 581-8763

## Robotics

"First and second year robotics is underway and we are burning up lots of volts, amps and brain cells! You are welcome to visit our web site at [www.gallatin4hrobotics.org](http://www.gallatin4hrobotics.org) to check the class schedule, download worksheets, and see what both robotics classes are up to.

## Sheep

Hey kids, don't forget our first work shop on January 21st at Rocky Mt Supply at 6:30, don't be late the store closes at 8:00 so we need to run on time. We will go over contracts, and answer any question you might have. Yes this will count as one of your required workshops. Also keep in mind that the 4-H office will be putting on a couple of mandatory workshops this year so watch for those dates. If you have any project questions call the 4-H office for phone numbers for your project leaders.



## Shooting Sports

**No Shooting this Sunday, January 4th - a pipe broke at Yellowstone Gateway Sports.**

Shooting for the Postal Match and regular shooting will continue Sunday evenings in January (no shooting on January 4th). The last day to shoot for the Postal Match will be February 8th. Shooting times are: 5:00-6:00 or 6:00-7:00 or 7:00-8:00. 1st year rifle shooters should attend the 5:00-6:00 session. If you have questions call Bill Ott at 209-2599.

## Small Animal Project

The Small Animal Project consists of the Cat, Pocket Pets, Poultry, and Rabbit Projects. January's meeting will be in the basement of Valley Bank of Belgrade on Monday, January 12, 2009, starting at 7:00 pm. At this month's workshop we will be discussing animal parts and showmanship. As a reminder so that you can plan ahead, monthly meetings are on the second Monday of each month in the basement of Valley Bank of Belgrade at 7:00 pm unless otherwise notified. If you have questions regarding your Meeting Presentations, please contact Betsy at [BetsyWise@aol.com](mailto:BetsyWise@aol.com) or 388-0061. If you have questions regarding the Mentor Program, please contact Sandra at [sandra.fiegi@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.fiegi@gmail.com) or 388-6906. If you have any general questions, please contact Kelley at [cksrabbitry@q.com](mailto:cksrabbitry@q.com) or 599-1454.



## Vet Science

We will meet on Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 at Double Diamond Vet. We will be doing spaying and neutering. If you have any questions, call 522-9491.

## 4-H International Programs

**REMINDER: Outbound applications for ALL international programs are due January 15, 2009.**

Applications to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and the IFYE program are available on the web at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org).

Remember that the IFYE program is for former 4-H members ages 19-30. Delegates can travel for up to six months to a country of their choice (depending on 2010 availability), from mid-June through December. Current 4-H members, ages 14-19 (program dependent), are eligible to apply for the one month programs to the countries listed above. Delegates depart mid-June or July. Adult volunteers and county agents are eligible to apply to chaperone one of these trips. Applications are due with two references and a \$350 deposit (refundable if the delegate is not chosen to participate).

The application deadline for all of the programs listed above is **January 15, 2009**. Applications are available online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) or by contacting Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 or [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu)

## Interested in Studying a Foreign Language?

Here is an additional exchange opportunity through the U.S. Department of State's National Security Language Initiative (NSLI). This is for high school students interested in studying languages, particularly less commonly spoken languages such as Turkish, Farsi, Hindi, Arabic, Korean, Mandarin (Chinese) and Russian. There are 550 scholarships available for 15-18 year olds to study in Tajikistan, India, South Korea, China, Russia or Turkey, for the summer, a semester or a full academic year. For more information, go to <http://nsliforyouth.org/>. The scholarship application deadline is February 2, 2009.

## Albertsons Community Partners

Please re-link your cards Preferred Savings Cards. We have been asked to re-link all cards again by February 28, 2009. As many of you know, we have been earning much needed funding through the Albertsons Community Partners Program. We need your help to continue earning funds.

- Log onto [www.albertsonscp.com](http://www.albertsonscp.com)
- Enter your preferred savings card number. Don't know it, call 877-932-7948
- Our organization ID# is 49000121284

Every time you shop at Albertsons and scan your linked Preferred Savings Card, we will earn back up to 4% of your shopping dollars. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



## COWTOWN BEEF BREEDERS SHOW LIVESTOCK JUDGING

In Miles City on Friday, February 6, 2009

6 classes of Beef and two reasons.

\$7 per person, unlimited number of participants,  
includes lunch

At Miles Community College,

sponsored by MCC Ag Dept

Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H/FFA, Adult

Pre-registration due by January 30, 2009

Contact the Extension Office for more information

## Food Drive Results

Gallatin County 4-H donated about **630 pounds** of food to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. Nearly thirty 4-Hers participated, representing 7 different clubs. The individual winner was Sydney Heckel with 280 pounds of food donated. Second place went to the Cuehlo family with 151 pounds of food donated. There was also a \$10 donation. Congratulations on a job well done! The Food Bank was extremely excited to receive the goods and you have helped many families in the valley have a happier holiday season.



## 2009 FAIR LOGO CONTEST

\$100 1ST PRIZE! ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE FREE FAIR ADMISSION. This contest is open to everyone. Entries will not be returned and will become the property of the Fair Board. They will be displayed at the 2009 Gallatin County Fair.

**-REQUIREMENTS:** Logo designs MUST be circular, 2.25 inches in diameter, and MUST contain the following phrases:

**GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR  
JULY 15 - 19, 2009  
"COUNTRY PRIDE...COUNTY  
WIDE!"**

**(FRONT)**

Design that includes:  
GALLATIN COUNTY  
FAIR  
JULY 15-19, 2009  
"Country Pride...  
County Wide!"

Entry designs MUST be submitted in color. No limit on colors! Entry MUST include your name, address, and phone number on the back of your button entry. Circular design MUST be cut out! Please cut out your design! The logo will appear on the Gallatin County Fair letterhead and advertising.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY BY  
MARCH 2, 2009 TO:  
GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR  
901 NORTH BLACK  
BOZEMAN, MT 59715**

**(BACK)**

2.25 inches

JOHN SMITH  
123 ELM ST  
ANYWHERE XX  
12345



## BROADWATER COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION

**To be Held in Townsend on February 21, 2009**

Cost per event is \$10. Spots will be shot on the hour starting at 9:00 and going to 3:00, more than one class may be entered. 3-D will be shot continuously with the ability to start at any time. The 3-D course will be outside so dress appropriately for the weather. In 3-D only one bow class may be chosen due to the time considerations. After completed registration is received, shooting times will be confirmed by phone or e-mail. The Archery events will be held at the **BROADWATER ROD & GUN CLUB, 96 Canton Lane, Townsend**. Turn north on Harrison Ave. for 1 mile, gun club is on the right. **Entries to be received by February 13**, after that, call for shooting time availability; we will take late entries by phone February 20. Contact the Extension Office for more information or call: Al Bodle 406-266-3659 or Kim Watne at 406-227-8301.

## 2009 Gallatin County Wild West WinterFest February 13-15

**Get Ready for Some Winter Fun!!!**

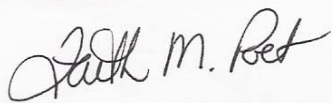
**All Breed Horse Sale & Stallion Auction ~ Hockey Tournament  
Battle of the Breeds Horse Contest ~ Working Horse & Driver Contest  
Bootleggers Ball with "Ten Foot Tall & 80 Proof"  
XL Country Carhartt Sweetheart Dance with "Western Skies"  
KMMS Chili Cookoff ~ Children's Art Show ~ Frontier Mercantile  
Old McLien's Farm Barn & Petting Zoo ~ Quilt Show ~ Photography Show  
Dog Agility ~ Dog Keg Pull ~ Dog Rally & Meet the Breeds ~ Hay Show  
Sweetheart Fur & Feather Show ~ Food, Food, Food ~ Kid's Activities**



Watch for more details next month or check out the Fairgrounds website at  
[http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/Public\\_Documents/gallatincomt\\_fairgrounds/gcfairgrounds](http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/Public_Documents/gallatincomt_fairgrounds/gcfairgrounds)

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## **Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum** **February 25 - March 1, 2009**

WRLF is an excellent way to learn more about the 4-H program and provides the opportunity to meet other 4-H leaders from the Western states and share ideas. Don't get left out of this roundup of hands-on experiences, sharing ideas, developing friendships, motivational speakers, and workshops to address your interests and challenges. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office.

## **2009 Montana 4-H Recreation Lab** **March 20-22, 2009 in Forsyth**

Registration details will be available mid January 2009. The event will be hosted by District 8 and held at the Forsyth elementary and middle schools. The theme selected for this coming Rec Lab is: "Take the Green Challenge" (The green refers to both 4-H and the environment.) **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

## **POI –**

Did you know?

- 1) Each club has a box at the office where we put things that might be of interest?
- 2) Re-enrollment has already begun? If you still need to enroll, be sure to do it soon!

Be sure to file for Taxes for the 2008 4-H Fiscal Year (Sept '07-Oct '08) by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Look inside for more information.

## **People Partner Grants**

The purpose of this grant is to provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. This is the perfect opportunity for your club to apply for financial assistance for a community service project. Application deadline is February 1, 2009. Contact the Gallatin County Extension Office for an application.